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Ex-President Given an Informal Reception by Grand Army Men.

Cordial Welcome Tendered by Three Hundred Men at Thomas Post Hall-Brief and Feeling Words.

Three hundred members of George H. Thomas Post and other city posts were present at the meeting last night to welcome General Harrison, and a right cordial welcome it was. He came in about 8:80, escorted by the new Adjutant-general of the department, R. M. Smock, who was a member of General Harrison's regiment, As soon as his presence was known the members rose to their feet and stood while he was presented to Commander Twiname. The Commander welcomed "Comrade Harrison" to the post, of which he has so long been a member, after which he took a seat, by invitation, beside the Commander. In a moment he announced that Comrade Harrison would briefly address the comrades. As the ex-President rose he was greeted with a most hearty hand-clapping, which lasted some moments. His countenance showed how deeply he was impressed with the most cordial welcome of his comrades, and when he spoke his voice trembled with emotion it would have been impossible for him to conceal. He spoke, substantially, as follows: "Comrades—As our commander has said, I can say but few words. I could acarcely trust myself to speak. I recall with great interest the parting salutation you gave me est the parting salutation you gave me more than four years ago. I said then, in going to duties new and responsible, that it would be my highest purpose and ambition to so discharge them as to meet your approval. Since that time your kindly comradeship has been extended to me in a manner which I can never forget. I have no words in which to express my appreciation of this fresh manifestation of your

good will. I can only thank you."

As General Harrison took his seat there
was another round of applause. Then the
comrades passed in front of the distinguished comrade and he shook hands with each one, calling many by name and in-quiring of their welfare. After the hand-shaking knots of half dozens came up and engaged in conversation. He spoke of the growth of the city, particularly toward the north, and told of a hearing before the County Commissioners, about 1858, when he appeared for the petitioners for a road over territory now covered with homes, and was opposed on the ground that a road could not be built over a part of the territory, because it was a bog, and a score of witnesses were called to sustain that opinion. He spoke of a number of veterans of his old regiment, parti cularly of one who was so tall and so large that he was often in need of clothes, because it was rare that they could be found by the quartermaster which were large enough. On the whole, the welcome was such a one as the ex-President could but be gratified with, so cordial and sincere was the greet-

ing of every one present.

The post voted to accept the invitation of Rev. Dr. Rondthaler's church
to attend service there Memorial Sunday morning.

Colored Man's Sudden Death, Perry Johnson, a colored man, living at No. 265 North West street, died suddenly at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been ill for some time. The coroner was noti-fied, but did not consider it necessary to investigate the case.

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IT PROVESTO BE MURDER

John Young Dies from the Effects of the Vicious Blow Given Him.

Charles Seibert Surrenders at Police Station, and Declares His Innocence-Tells a Straight Story.

John Young, the man whose injuries were detailed in the Journal of yesterday morning, died at 5 o'clock A. M. at the home of his brother-in-law. No. 518 West Maryland street, across the river. Young's death places in the bands of the police the mysteries of another tragedy almost as strange in its surroundings as the murder of the druggist Charles Eyster.

As stated yesterday, the terrible injuries inflicted on Young were directly attributed to Charles Seibert, who, it was claimed, struck Young down at the bottom of the stairway of a brick tenement house at No. 412 West Washington street and then fled. The affair occurred about ! o'clock Monday evening and until yesmorning was shrouded in mystery. Chief Detective Splann detailed detectives Kinney and Richards on the case, who, with the assistance of the police officers, went to work to unravel the strange affair. While the police were looking for the man Seibert that person was on his way from his home, No. 138 Blackford street, to police headquarters. In company with his brother, Thomas Seibert, of North Indianapolis, and attorney Harman Everett, he walked into the presence of Chief of Police Colbert and coolly remarked: "I understand that you want Charles Seibert. I am the man, but I didn't know anything about Young's death." He was questioned closely and then taken bewas questioned closely and then taken below and locked up on the charge of murder. In the interim Mrs. Emma Binan, living with her husband in the second story of the house where Young received his death blow, had been talking to the officers, and it was learned that she was perhaps the only eye-witness to the deed, if her story be true. She remembered that about 5 o'clock on Monday she heard o men indulging in a violent quarrel at the foot of the stairway. She heard them mention a woman whom they called "Oliver." She knew an Oliver woman, and was interested at once. She stepped to the door and saw John Young in a struggle with another man. Both were fighting desperately, and she was undecided what to do until she saw Young's adversary strike him a blow on the head with a heavy instrument. Young fell to the floor with a groan, the witness screamed and the man who had dealt the blow ran. Mrs. Binan thought she recognized him, and when the detectives repaired to the scene with Seibert, she quickly remarked, "That's the man." Mollie Downs is another occupant of the building, but she did not see the trouble and only heard loud words and the name "Oliver" frequently interjected in the heated conversation. Young lived in the house at 412 and was well known to the lodgers, but Seibert had only appeared on

the scene a day or two before.

Seibert denies all acquaintance with Young and the women in the block, and says he never was around there until Monday. He went that day to paint a sign for Jeff Springsteen, who has a paint shop in his rooms in the building where the trouble occurred. His story in substance is as follows: "In the afternoon I had about completed my work and Springsteen had gone out. This man Young, whom I had seen in the morning, came in with another fellow and I thought they had been drinking. I told them I was going out to look up the proprietor and wanted to look up the shop. They left and I did not see Young again until I came back with Springsteen and found him lying in the stairway." Seibert also says that while he was looking at Young a low, heavy set woman ran up to him and, with the remark "You know how this happened" bemark. "You know how this happened." bemark. "You know how this happened." began to scratch him in the face. He asserts that he did not know her and had no acquaintance with anybody about the place. Seibert was rigidly questioned about the man whom he had seen with Young and described him as wearing a blue suit of clothes. Yesterday afternoon, John Marsh, of No. 79 Lee street. West Indianapolis, called at police headquarters and announced that he was with Young in Springsteen's shop. Seibert was brought out but steen's shop. Seibert was brought out but denied ever having seen Marsh before. Springsteen, the sign painter, claims to know little about the affair and partially corroborates Seibert's statement, declaring that he met Seibert on the street after the sign was finished and together they walked back and found Young lying at the foot of the stairs. Mrs. Oliver, who appeared to be the cause of contention between the men, lives in the adjoining rooms to No. 412, and is the wife of John Oliver. Young boarded in the Oliver househeld. The woman was reticent and cautions in her statements, but claimed she was over on Geisendorff street at the time of the trouble. There are some conflicting ru-mors in connection with Mrs. Oliver's movements, one of which has its origin in the saloon at the corner of Washington and Blake streets. Yesterday evening late the proprietor of the place informed Sergeant Mefford that on Monday afternoon, between 4 and half past 4 o'clock, Young was in his bar playing cards. In the wineroom was Mrs. Oliver with a man, whom he believes, from the description given was Charles Seibert. As the couple passed out into the street Young saw them and, hurriedly jumping to his feet, followed

Charles Seibert, the prisoner, is about forty years old and unmarried. He is a son of Samuel Seibert, a prominent farmer living west of the city, and is a nephew of exalderman Seibert. He is not a hard looking man at all, but on the contrary is quiet and peaceable so far as appearances go. He and beaceable so far as appearances go. He is very much wrought up over his arrest and when seen in his cell yesterday afternoon he had been crying. John Young, the victim of some one's terrible anger, was a young man of somewhat unsteady habits. He was not engaged in employment at present, claiming that he was going out with a or corons as soon as the season opened.

Dr. Eisenbeiss, the physician called to attend him, applied all processes known to the medical profession in an effort to revive him, but he died without speaking a word of intelligence. Yesterday afternoon Coroner Beck and Dr. Eisenbeiss held an autopsy on the remains, and found that the skull had been badly mashed and fractured and the entire base of the brain shivered. The examinabeen Jelivered with a powerful instru-ment. In the shirt front of the deceased was found an earring belonging to Mrs. Oliver, which Young was using as a stud. While the police believe that they have found the man who did the deed, there is a growing sentiment among the people that Seibert is innocent. The coroner will examine witnesses in the case to-day, and expects to secure some startling statements from some of the women in the neighbor-

AUSPICIOUSLY OPENED.

Reception of the People's Outfitting Company Largely Attended Yesterday.

The People's Outfitting Company opened their magnificent business house yesterday, at 71 West Washington street, under very auspicious circumstances. Before the doors were opened, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. an immense crowd had gathered, and surged into the building as soon as it was accessible. The first floor was occupied by an elegant exhibit of sleeping room and other furniture, set off with large pot plants and flowers. The crowd, instead of decreasing as time went on, increased until every one of the five floors, a total space capacity of 70,000 feet, was crowded with interested people, who commented enthusiastically on the variety of design and elegance of the wares seen. Passing to the rear of the first floor, which extends on through to Kentucky avenue, strains of sweet music were heard from Panden's orchestra on the floor above, where a large audience sat enjoying the afternoon. Sergeant Laporte was at the landing, making everybody as uncomfortable as possible with his usual overofficious and aggressive tactics. Op this, the second floor, were displayed carpets. draperies, carriages, etc., while on the floor above people were looking at parlor furniture, etc. On the

fourth floor beautiful souvenirs were given out to the crowd, about fifteen thousand during the afternoon and night. The arrangement of the building is unique, very accessible and in a splendic part of the city. A modern elevator carres persons to any department quickly. The management of the company expressed the highest gratification at the generosity with which the people turned out to see their which the people turned ont to see their appointments and stock. The concert was continued in the evening.

DAY SET FOR THE BIDDING

City Officials Await Propositions on the Street-Car Franchise To-Day.

They Are Wondering Whether or Not There Will Be Any-President Mason Is Noncommittal-New Scheme of Purchase.

This afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the Board of Public Works will meet in its office for the purpose of receiving bids on the streetrailway franchise, which it has formulated and offered for sale to competing companies. The board has designated that these bids shall be in writing, and shall be on the percentage which the company is willing to pay of its gross earnings to the city. The franchise specially says that that percentage shall not be less than 24 per cent. for the first five years, 5 per cent. for the second five years, 6 per cent, for the third five years, and 7 per cent. for the remainder of the term of the charter, which is to run for thirty years. The question which is agitating the board now is whether or not it will receive any bids at all. Mayor Sullivan, who has been identified with the board in the work of drawing it up, expressed this fear of himself and his associates, yesterday afternoon, when he exclaimed, while sitting in his office:

"Well, to-morrow is the day when we are to get bids on the franchise. I wonder if there will be any? There ought to be. It is a good one."

No one in authority to speak of the acbeen popularly supposed to be in the field has said that his company will place a bid in the hands of the board, and the McDonaid people have said most emphatically that they would not. The other companies are noncommittal.

President Mason, of the Citizene' company, which is the first to be considered, said yesterday that he was not in a position to say what his company would do. When asked the question plainly as to whether he would bid on the franchise, he refused to answer. He did say that he should make a statement to the board, but he would not say whether it was in the nature of a bid or not. Messrs. McKee and Verner, the Pittsburg directors of the company, were expected in the city yesterday, but did not arrive. Mr. Mason said that he was expecting them, but he did not know when they would get here.

Leon O. Bailey, who is representing the interests of the McDonald syndicate in the city, says that he must abide by the ulti-matum which Mr. McDonald issued some time ago, which was that he would not bid on the charter as it was at present. Yet Mr. Bailey is almost a daily visitor at the office of the Mayor and the members of the Board of Public Works. These visits, he has said, are for the purpose of attempting to get the board to make some alterations in the provisions of its draft, but he has met with no success. He was asked if his company expects to bid on it, and replied that that question had been settled long ago, meaning that it would not. ExJudge Elliott's "unknown" company still insists on respect to the settled in the settled i insists on keeping itself wrapped in air of mystery, and its legal representative will not express himself as to whether it will be in at the end or not.

The men who became interested through Pirtle Herod, of this city, in the street-railway controversy have not expressed themselves at all after being sent a copy of the franchise, and they may be safely counted out of the contest.

Have a Plan of City Owner ship. The leaders of the Municipal Reform League have a new street railroad scheme by which they hope to solve the whole business, Ex-Councilman Stechhan, C. A. Johnson, Albert Krull and James Buchanan called upon the Mayor and Board of Works yesterday and laid their plan before them, inviting them to a mass meeting at

the Criminal Court room next Monday night, where it will be discussed. They are proceeding upon the theory that the company's property can be either pur-chased or duplicated for \$1,000,000. Their idea is to get ten local capitalists to enip in \$100,000 apiece and buy the plant for the city, the city then to either operate it or lease it. The profits would be applied to paying 6 per cent. interest on the money furnished by these capitalists and to repaying them their investment. They have two men, they say, who are willing to put in \$100,000 apiece, and are looking for the other

"The difficulty about this plan," said a business man yesterday, "is that it con-templates too small a capital. Grant that the tangible property of the Citizens' com-\$1,000,000, which I very much doubt, it will require the expenditure of almost that much to replace the mule lines with electric lines and to make the extensions needed. There would be no trouble, however, in getting capital if the city would guarantee 6 per cent, returns upon it."

BIG FOUR EMPLOYES.

Arranging Agreements for the Settlement of Grievances During the Fair.

Members of the Big Four Trainmen's Brotherhood were in session yesterday, the firemen having been summoned for a conference, and the engineers of the system will meet to-morrow. The purpose of so much agitation is a desire, it is said, to clear the labor deck of all possible causes of collision during the world's fair. It is said that the employes realize that the term of the fair will be an especially trying one on both sides, and that if there are grievances during that time, the public will not be as tolerant as usual of the means of redress which the brotherhoods sometimes esteem necessary. It is announced that they want a standard of settlement, and will stand firmly for one. The intimation is given that the companies are willing for an agreement which will prevent all trouble, and will be a certain basis for the adjustment all differences. The trainmen were considering vesterday a schedule containconsidering yesterday a schedule contain-ing forty-five sections. Among the press-ing questions are those concerning over-time. It is expected that the heavy crowds will cause delays, and throw regular hours into confusion.

WANTED TO DIE.

Demestic Trouble Caused Mrs. Levi Pollard to Take a Dose of Laudanum.

Mrs. Levi Pollard, of No. 15 Russell avenue, took an onnce of laudanum last evening, with suicidal intent. Her sister, a young woman of eighteen years, saw her take it, but did not know that it was a deadly potion until, her attention having been called to her sister's drowsy condition, she went to her assistance. Dr. A. R. Keller was called in and by dint of hard work succeeded in saving the woman's life. She is twenty-six years of age. Domestic trou-ble is said to be the cause of the rash act.

Death at the Central Hospital. Ella Van Camp died at the Central Hospital for the Insane on Monday of pneumonia. She was twenty-five years of age, and came to the institution two years ago from the county asylum. Acting Superintendent Watters has been unable to find relatives of the dead woman, as nothing was known of her antecedents at her former home at the poor farm. He will be glad to hear from anyone who knew her.

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A NEW METHOD IS ADOPTED

Monument Commission's Plan of Obtaining Models for the Side Groups.

Four Eminent Sculptors to Be Asked to Compete-Arrangements for the Dedication -General Manson to Withdraw.

The monument commission adjourned yesterday afternoon, having transacted business of much importance. Commissioner English introduced the following

Resolved, That the president be and is hereby directed to confer with two American sculptors, eminent in their profession, with a view of having each of them prepare for the consideration of the board a model of a group of War and a group of Peace for the monument, and with the further purpose that said board may select, if found satisfactory, the model that shall be used in the construction of said groups prepared by one of the said sculptors; and further, to ascertain the best terms upon which such models can be prepared and constructed.

Resolved, That the president secure a meeting, if possible, of said sculptors with the board, at their earliest convenience, either in this city or, if preferable to them, at the world's fair, for the purpose of conference and examining works of art of a similar character.

The effect of this policy, it is said, will be resolutions:

The effect of this policy, it is said, will be to secure from competent American artists four groups portraying the themes of War and Peace. The artists having a certainty, practically, that one of their productions will be accepted, will consent to submit models without the offer of premiums, thus saving the commission a large amount of money. The commission has two of the most eminent artists in mind, to whom this offer will be made, but declined at this time to give their names. At the time of the former competition all the American artists were so busy with the world's fair work that none of the best ones could be induced to enter into what might prove of no profit at all to them. The case is different now, and the commission has the advantage of reputation smade at the Columbian exposition. The plan met with the unanimous support of the commission, and it is thought it will greatly

The president of the commission, on mo-tion of Captain McCollum, was directed to communicate with Col. Eli Lilly, chairman of the citizens' committee, and call his attention to the fact that no formal answer has been received to the president's letter of Dec. 9 last, in relation to the unveiling of the crowning figure, and the opening of the monument to the public on Sept. 7 next, and to ask if it is the wish of his committee that such exercises take place at the time and in the manner speci-

The commission expressed the belief that the time has come for making arrange-ments for the dedication, and they desire to know whether the citizens' committee will assume direction of the programme. The matter of deciding as to the curbing was left to President Langsdale and Com-missioner English. A letter from artist Gandez, successful competitor for the Peace group, was read, declining to visit America unless he was assured of the commission to do the work.

It is now practically assured that Gen. Manson will withdraw from the commission. He has been one of the most faithful and valuable members, but has reached an age when attendance at the meetings is a hardship to him. But for the unsettled state of affairs, due to the controversy over the dates and to the uncertain action of the Legislature, he would have withdrawn last fall. It has only been by persuasion that the other members have been able to prevent his resignation before. It will now soon be tendered the Governor. General Manson was very feeble yesterday, and manifested an anxiety to withdraw from the commissison. He was accompanied to the station, en route to his home in Crawfordsville, by Secretary Gilliland.

Professor Blake Rapidly Failing. The news from John G. Blake, who is in a Michigan sanitarium, is far from satisfactory to his hosts of friends. He is said to be failing rapidly and will probably not

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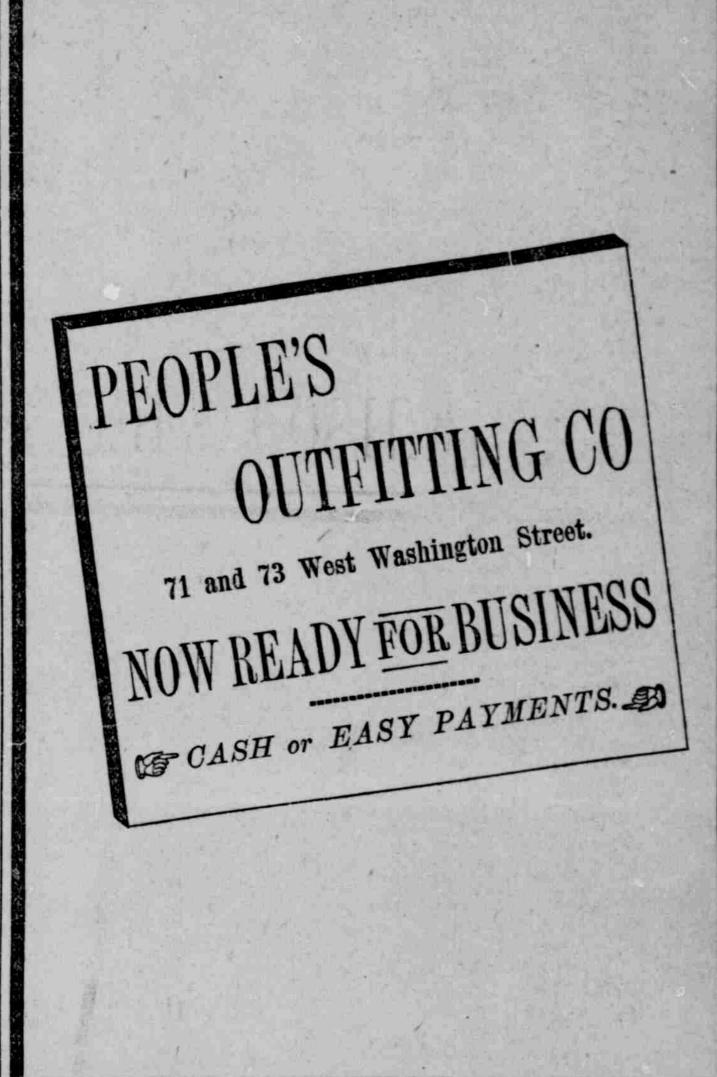
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